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MEMORANDUM FOR: Assistant Deputy Director for Science and Technology
SUBJECT : Loan of Aircraft from CIA to USAF

1. ~~This memorandum is for information only.~~ VB

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2. Letter [] has been received and planning is underway in preparing to complete the "loan" (transfer) of a U-2R aircraft to the Air Force.

3. I am looking closely [] to determine whether one of its aircraft could be withdrawn and better utilized at Edwards (politics permitting). In order to maintain a full operational ready status of the Edwards detachment and a capability to deploy within 24 hours of notification it appears it might be necessary to withdraw one [] aircraft and position it at Edwards. This approach might be required as we are charged with the overall continuing development of the U-2R [] systems in support of both the CIA and Air Force fleets.

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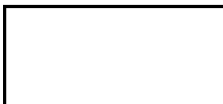
4. Should the situation not permit transferring an aircraft [] to Edwards our reaction capability will almost certainly be seriously degraded. I feel that we will be obliged to inform the Director/ExCom/ 40 Committee of this fact.

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5. There has never been a formal meeting between CIA and the NRO/USAF to examine the world-wide workload imposed on the U-2R fleet. I am prepared to brief the group on our detailed requirements and would hope that the NRO/USAF would do likewise. We should review the operational, test, and training requirements of both sides with the view to a better understanding of the overall commitments imposed upon the program. I visualize

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25X1. that you [] would co-chair the meeting. If you agree that such a session would be useful, perhaps a phone call is the best way to set it up. I feel it is a necessary thing to do as a prelude to the actual transfer.

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WENDELL L. BEVAN, JR.
Brigadier General, USAF
Director of Special Activities

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